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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MAY 7, 2004

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 7, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following three groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-19, 43-47, are drawn to a SYSTEM capable to facilitating volume pricing, classified in class 705, subclasses 26, 400.

Group II – Claims 20-42, and 48-55 are drawn to a method of costing, classified in class 705, subclass 80.

Group III – Claim 56 is drawn to a data packet of a computer signal comprising different fields, classified in class 348, subclass 461.

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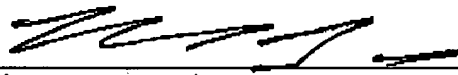
Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-19, 43-47, are drawn to a SYSTEM capable to facilitating volume pricing, classified in class 705, subclasses 26, 400.) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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